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SUBJECT: SOVIET RADIO INTEFERENCE

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTION OF SOVIET RADIO INTERFERENCE
HERE IN RECENT DAYS WITH DANISH AND NORWEGIAN AMBASSADORS AND
OBTAINED READOUT FROM DANISH COUNSELOR ON ACTIVITIES OF
OTHER EUROPEAN STATES IN REFERENCE TO THIS PROBLEM.

2. DANISH COUNSELOR (ALSO SEE PREVIOUS EMBASSY COPENHAGEN
REPORTING) MENTIONED THAT HIS AMBASSADOR HAD CALLED ON HEAD
OF SCANDINAVIAN DEPT IN MFA LAST NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS RADIO
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INTERFERENCE. AMBASSADOR HAD LODGED NO FORMAL PROTEST BUT
HANDED OVER AN AIDE MEMOIRE SUMMARIZING POINTS MADE BY DANISH
COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY, STRESSING INTERFERENCE WITH MARITIME
COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH GREENLAND. THE
SOVIETS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.
SUBSEQUENTLY THE DANISH EMBASSY RECEIVED A NOTE ON JANUARY 7
STATING SAME MESSAGE AS SOVIET NOTE OF EVEN DATE TO THIS

EMBASSY, I.E., THAT SOVIET MINISTRY OF POST AND COMMUNICATIONS HAD RESPONDED IN COMMUNICATION CHANNELS ON DECEMBER 3 AND HAD INFORMED ITU ON DECEMBER 16. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE OFFENDING SIGNALS WERE THOUGHT TO ABATE, BUT BY MID-JANUARY THEY WERE RESUMED AT PREVIOUS LEVEL. WHEN DANISH EMBASSY LEARNED OF BRITISH PROTEST (BELOW), IT ASKED DANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY IF IT SHOULD NOT TAKE UP THE MATTER AGAIN HERE. ON APRIL 21, THE DANISH MFA APPROVED A SECOND DANISH DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE. THIS TOOK THE FORM OF AN UNACCOMPANIED DANISH NOTE VERBALE TO SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY ON APRIL 25, NOTING THAT THE DISTURBANCES ARE CONTINUING AT THE PREVIOUS LEVEL AND ASKING THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY URGENTLY TAKE ACTION TO "ELIMINATE" THE INTERFERENCE. TO DATE, NO SOVIET RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED, AND DANISH EMBASSY HERE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THERE WILL BE ANY FAVORABLE RESULTS.

3. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US MAY 3 THAT GON HAS HANDLED THIS ISSUE STRICTLY IN COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE DANISH COUNSELOR THAT THE FRG ALSO TOOK IT UP IN SAME CHANNELS ON APRIL 5 AND THAT THE DUTCH HAVE DONE LIKEWISE ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ISSUE IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO RAISE DIPLOMATICALLY.

4. THE DANES TELL US THEY LEARNED AT AN AMBASSADORIAL SESSION OF THE EC-9 IN MOSCOW ABOUT MARCH 4 THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAD JUST DELIVERED A PROTEST TO MFA ON THE ISSUE. THE BELGIANS HAVE ALSO TAKEN THE MATTER UP IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS ON SAME BASIS AS DANES.

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5. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET SPOKEN WITH THE SWEDES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES HERE, THERE SEEMS TO BE A FAIRLY BROAD PERCEPTION OF A PROBLEM, BUT A DIVISION AMONG THOSE WHO FEEL AS DO THE NORWEGIANS (AND PRESUMABLY THE GERMANS AND DUTCH) THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE KEPT IN COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS- AS THE SOVIETS EVIDENTLY ALSO PREFER - AND OTHERS LIKE OURSELVES WHO HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE DIPLOMATICALLY. WHILE WE ARE SOMEWHAT SKEPTICAL OF THE OUTCOME, WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT SOME COORDINATED APPROACH MIGHT PROFFER THE MOST HOPE OF PERSUADING SOVIETS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE INTERFERENCE.

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